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UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE GRADUATE JASON BARKLEY A PROMISING STAR IN HORSE RACING

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019) – University of Louisville graduate **Jason Barkley** is quickly moving up the training ranks at Churchill Downs as the 30-year-old conditioner leads a “new wave” of horse trainers in Kentucky.

“There are a lot of us here in Kentucky that are around the same age and just starting out,” Barkley said. “Guys like **Bentley (Combs)**, **Jordan (Blair)**, **Norm Casse**, **Matt Shirer** and many others – we are all around the same age and just getting going. It’s fun to see a new wave of trainers make a name for ourselves.”

Barkley is a fourth-generation horseman from Evansville, Ind. and knew from a young age he would become a horse trainer. His father, **Jeff Barkley**, is a common fixture around the Kentucky circuit.

“I always knew I’d be a trainer growing up,” said Barkley, who is a new father to a soon-to-be 3-month-old daughter **Aria**. “My dad operates his stable out of a small training center and will ship his horses to the different meets around Kentucky. Both sides of my family were involved in horse ownership and training. I remember being in win pictures as a kid with my grandparents.”

Barkley graduated from the University of Louisville Equine Management program in 2011 and worked for trainers **Paul McGee** and **Nick Zito** while in college. Shortly after his stint with Zito, Barkley found himself working outside the industry as a casino dealer in New Hampshire but quickly found his way back to the racetrack after getting a job as trainer **Joe Sharp**’s assistant.

“I lived up in the New England area for a little while and was a dealer at a casino,” Barkley said. “I knew I wanted to eventually get back to the racetrack and had two horses on my own before I took an assistant role with Joe.”

Barkley began training on his own in 2017 and recorded his 27th career win on Wednesday at Churchill Downs. An avid Miami Dolphins fan, Barkley plans to run at Turfway Park in December before wintering at Oaklawn Park where he won five starts in 2018.

“Turfway was a great place to go last year before Oaklawn started,” said Barkley, who was 10-4-0-4 at the Florence, Ky. track before he shifted his barn to Oaklawn. “We’ll have to see which trainers stick around for the meet this year with the enhanced purses but I’m certainly looking forward to it.”

Fans can get to know more about Barkley’s racing stable on his social media channels:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jasonbarkleyracing/>.

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/jbark131>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/jabark131/>

STAKES PROBABLES – Six graded stakes races worth purses of \$1.975 million highlight closing week of the 26-day Fall Meet at Churchill Downs. Below is an early look at known probable entrants to each race, according to Assistant Racing Secretary and Stakes Coordinator **Dan Bork**.

Thursday, Nov. 28 (entries taken on Saturday)

The \$300,000 Falls City (Grade II) for fillies and mares 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles (with trainer): **Go Google Yourself** (Paul McGee); **Moonlit Garden** (Brad Cox); and **Sally’s Curlin** (Dale Romans).

The \$175,000 Cardinal (GIII) for fillies and mares 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles on turf (with trainer): **English Soul** (Jack Sistrone); **Limari** (Brad Cox); **Notapradaprice** (Eddie Kenneally); **Stave** (Larry Jones); and **Tough Irma** (Cipriano Contreras).

Friday, Nov. 29 (entries taken on Sunday)

The \$600,000 Clark presented by Norton Healthcare (GI) for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles (with trainer): **Bravazo** (D. Wayne Lukas); **Draft Pick** (Peter Eurton); **Major Cabbie** (Peter Miller); **Mr Freeze** (Dale Romans); **Owendale** (Brad Cox); **Seeking the Soul** (Dallas Stewart); **Snapper Sinclair** (Steve Asmussen); and **Tom’s d’Etat** (Al Stall Jr.). Possible: **Forewarned** (Uriah St. Lewis); **Mr. Buff** (John Kimmel); **Roadster** (Bob Baffert); and **Stan the Man** (John Terranova).

The \$300,000 Mrs. Revere (GII) for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/16 miles on turf (with trainer): **Dalika (GER)** (Al Stall Jr.); **Nay Lady Nay (IRE)** (Chad Brown); **New and Improved** (Chad Brown); **She'sonthewarpath** (Steve Margolis); and **Winter Sunset** (Wayne Catalano).

Saturday, Nov. 24: (entries taken on Wednesday, Nov. 27)

The \$300,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) for 2-year-olds at 1 1/16 miles (with trainer): **American Butterfly** (D. Wayne Lukas); **Enforceable** (Mark Casse); **Fighting Seabee** (Kenny McPeck); **Mr. Tip** (Jack Siston); **Sir Winsalot** (McPeck); **South Bend** (Stan Hough); and **Tiz the Law** (Barclay Tagg).

The \$300,000 Golden Rod (GII) for 2-year-old fillies at 1 1/16 miles (with trainer): **Auberge** (Bob Baffert); **Bast** (Bob Baffert); **Lady Glamour** (Larry Demeritte); and **Turtle Trax** (Ian Wilkes).

JOCKEYS TO WEAR PURPLE RIBBONS THURSDAY TO BRING AWARENESS TO WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY – Jockeys at Churchill Downs and around the country will sport purple ribbons Thursday in hopes to bring greater attention, awareness and better outcomes to Pancreatic Cancer.

“We have encouraged the jockeys to take part and support this important cause to bring attention and awareness to pancreatic cancer, its symptoms and risks and urgent need for research for earlier detection,” said **Terry Meyocks**, President and CEO of the Jockeys Guild.

“With world-renowned jockey **Patrick Smullen** diagnosed earlier this year with pancreatic cancer, we wanted to support him by joining this cause to spread the word and take part in this important day,” said **John Velazquez**, co-chairman of the Jockeys' Guild.

To learn more about World Pancreatic Cancer Day, visit www.worldpancreaticcancerday.org.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Jockey **Ricardo Santana Jr.** recorded his 300th victory at Churchill Downs in Race 8 on Wednesday aboard heavily favored **Gun It** for **Whisper Hill Farm** and **Three Chimneys Farm** and trainer **Steve Asmussen**. “I’ve ridden so many winners for Steve, so this win was very special since it was one of his horses,” Santana said. ... Thursday’s work tab featured \$600,000 Clark (GI) contender **Seeking the Soul**, who breezed a strong five furlongs :59.80 through splits of :12.20, :24.20 and :35.60 with a six-furlong gallop out in 1:13.20, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**. ... \$300,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) likely favorite **Tiz the Law** is scheduled to work Saturday at Belmont Park, according to the NYRA Publicity Department. ... Top \$300,000 Falls City (GII) contender **Go Google Yourself** breezed five furlongs in 1:01.80 Thursday morning at Churchill Downs for trainer **Paul McGee**. “We should have quite the crew out here for Thanksgiving,” said McGee, a native of Louisville. ... Wednesday’s carryover late 50-cent Pick 5 had a final pool of \$887,870 and returned \$2,518.90 to bettors. ... Jockey **Martin Garcia** recorded his first victory at Churchill Downs since 2014 by guiding **Patricia’s Hope’s Home Base** to a one-length score in Race 9 on Wednesday. ... The Single 6 Jackpot had a \$158,405 carryover into racing on Thursday. First post for the 10-race card was 1 p.m. and the Single 6 spanned Races 5-10. ... “**Inside Churchill Downs**” will close out its 2019 season Friday at 6 p.m. on ESPN 680/105.7. Those outside the Louisville area can listen live at www.espnloouisville.com. ... Every Sunday throughout the Fall Meet there is a “**Stakes and Eggs**” brunch special (\$48 for adults and \$25 for children) in the Stakes Room.

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